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During World War II the Allied Forces took over radio operations in Colombo, Ceylon and Radio SEAC was born. For civilians and servicemen alike, radio stations like SEAC were often their salvation and the only source of information in a world stricken by the conflict of war. Radio SEAC was a wartime radio station, operating from 1944 to 1949, providing news and a link with home for servicemen in Southeast Asia Command.

Announcer, David Jacobs was among those that presented the news and radio programmes for allied forces across South East Asia. Jacobs had joined the Navy as an ordinary Seaman. After completing his training he was initially drafted to HMS Valkyrie before being re-drafted to the Admiralty in London before being posted to HMS Lanka in Ceylon where he worked as a radio announcer until 1947.

David Jacobs CBE DL

David Jacobs served in the Royal Navy during World War II, where he started his broadcasting career. When he was demobilised, he joined the BBC as an announcer/newsreader.

His major radio credits include: Housewives Choice, Journey into Space, BBC Jazz Club, Pick of the Pops, Saturday show Band Show, Any Questions? Any Answers? (17 years) and melodies For You (12 years) His lunchtime BBC Radio 2 programmes ran for six years. He is also founder member of Capitol Radio.

David's Television Credits include: Make Your Mind Up, Tell the Truth, Juke Box Jury, Top of the Pops, What's My Line, A Song for Europe, Miss World, Come Dancing and Countdown.

As an actor David played the part of Laurie in the first serialization for television of Little Women. He has made numerous film appearances and for several years was a commentator on British Movie-tone News. He is also the author of 'Jacobs Ladder', the best-seller 'Caroline' and 'Any Questions' with Michael Brown.

David was voted Britain's Top disc Jockey for six years both for BBC and Radio Luxembourg.

In 1994 marked David's 50th year in broadcasting. In 1996 he celebrated his 70th birthday and was awarded a CBE.